

REMARKS

Claims 41-43 were rejected under 102(b) by Atkin et al. (WO 00/10625 "Atkin"). Claim 43 was objected to and has been corrected to agree with the preceding claims. Applicants thank the examiner for pointing out this error. Claim 43 has not been amended in response to avoid prior art.

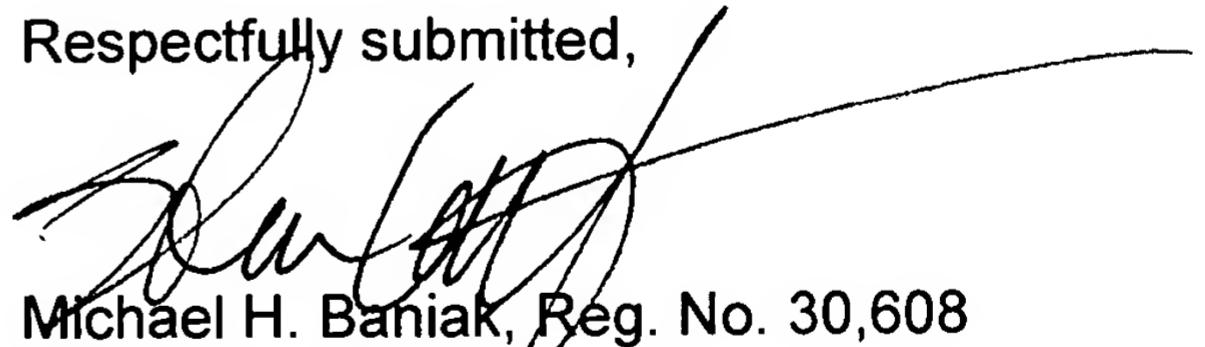
The presently claimed invention requires "a positive pressure source", whereby the projections are "in communication with" the positive pressure source and the projections move "inwardly relative to said longitudinal axis upon application of a positive pressure." (See Claim 41). These limitations are absent in Atkin.

For Atkin to anticipate the present claims, it must show each and every element of the claims. Importantly, Atkin only shows a negative pressure operating inside of the flexible insert (between the breast and the insert). At best, the device of Atkin is permitted to return to ambient conditions. So, in contrast to the above claimed invention, Atkin lacks a source of positive pressure and does not show a response to any application of pressure, only vacuum or, at best, permitting the pump insert/assembly to return to ambient conditions.

Atkin lacks a positive pressure source and lacks the application of positive pressure to move projections inwardly and therefore cannot anticipate the present claims. Since Atkin does not anticipate the present claims, the claims should be allowed. Applicants request reconsideration and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

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